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Menomonie Police Department to host *Coffee with a Cop* on July 10 **Program offers opportunity to meet local officers, discuss community issues**

Menomonie—On Tuesday, July 10 from 1:00-3:00 p.m., officers from the Menomonie Police Department (MPD) and community members of all ages are invited to come together at Culver's Frozen Custard to discuss community issues and build relationships over a cup of coffee or scoop of custard. Culver's is located at 1330 Stout Rd. in Menomonie.

Coffee with a Cop is a national initiative supported by The United States Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services. Similar events are being held across the country, as local police departments strive to enhance relationships and communication with their communities. Menomonie Police Department has held 13 *Coffee with a Cop* event since the program began locally in September 2015.

Coffee with a Cop allows for relaxed communication between law enforcement officers and members of the community that they serve. *Coffee with a Cop* provides a unique opportunity for community members to ask questions and learn more about the Menomonie Police Department's work in the community.

"We look forward to meeting everyone who is able to come out to Culver's on July 10. Come by to discuss current events, ask questions, or just stop by to say hello," said Police Chief Eric Atkinson.

The program aims to advance the practice of community policing through improving relationships between police officers and community members- one cup of coffee at a time.